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Applicants : Nikos Panayotatos

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Filed : Concurrently Herewith as a Division of pending application
Serial No. 09/101,860 (Conf. No. 1143), filed July 16, 1998

For : THE USE OF PROTEIN OCCLUSION FOR THE
SELECTIVE DELIVERY OF SMALL MOLECULES TO
TARGETS

New York, New York
August 29, 2001

Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, kindly
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 3, insert, as a new paragraph, -- This application is a
division of United States patent application 09/101,860, filed July 16, 1998. --.

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On page 7, line 23, replace "serface," with -- surface --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-22.

REMARKS

Applicants request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

This application is a Rule 53(b) Divisional application of pending application Serial No. 09/101,860 ("the '860 application"), filed July 16, 1998.

Applicants have filed the present Divisional application to prosecute and obtain allowance of subject matter present in the parent application that was restricted out during prosecution of the '860 application. Specifically, this Divisional application is directed to methods for producing a complex for the delivery of pharmacological compounds (claims 24-28) and to a method for purifying a pharmacological compound (claim 23). Applicants have cancelled claims that have been allowed in the '860 application, as well as claims that were restricted into other groups during prosecution of the '860 application.

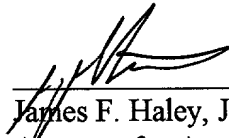
Applicants have amended the specification to update the continuity of the instant application to reflect the status of parent United States patent application

09/101,860. Applicant has also amended the specification to correct an obvious typographical error on page 7, line 23.

None of these amendments constitutes new matter.

Consideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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